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Minutes 02/27/2012

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2012
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Dunn
 Absent: Mr. Greeley, Vice Chair and Mrs. Mahon
 Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 23, 2012, January 30, 2012
 - b. APPOINTMENTS
 - New Election Workers
 - Emily Fuller, 7 Kilsythe Road, D, Pct. 18
 - Loretta O'Connell, 2 Coral Street, U, Pct. 5
 - Peter Messina, 18 University Road, U, Pct. 5
 - c. Approval: 2012 Patriots' Day Parade; Sunday, 4/15/12 @ 2:00 p.m.
 Joseph Marshall, Chair, Patriots' Day Parade Committee
 - d. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/10/12, Comedy Night to Benefit the Patriots' Day
 Parade Committee @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall
 William F. McCarthy, Patriots' Day Parade Committee
 - e. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 3/9/12, 'Touch of Ireland' @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall
 Derek Curran, Arlington Boys & Girls Club
 - f. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 4/27/12, Comedy Night/Auction @ Robbins
 Memorial Town Hall
 Geraldine Pedrini, Sunshine Nursery School
 - g. Reappointment: Board of Health
 Dr. Marie Walsh Condon
 (term to expire 1/31/2015)
 - h. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 Vanaria Bros. Inc., 82 Clematis Avenue, Waltham, MA
 - i. Request: Change of Hours @ El Tango, Inc., 464-468 Massachusetts Avenue
 Nancy M. Mermet, Clerk, El Tango, Inc.
 Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

2. Friends of Arlington Council on Aging Accomplishments for 2011
 Art Budnik

Mr. Budnik presented an award certificate to the Council on Aging Acting Director, Laurie

August, noting its purpose of supporting transportation for medical appointments for those in need and also help the Council On Aging modernize their current technology to help provide its basket of social services more effectively and efficiently. He also stated that this year they started a Stockings for Senior Program which was well received and directly helped Arlington senior citizens over the holiday season. The Friends of the Arlington Council on Aging in 2011 donated \$7,500 for the benefit of Arlington senior citizens.

Ms. Rowe thanked the Friends for their good work and stated the Board of Selectmen appreciate all the work they do.

3. Adopt Resolution Against Human Rights Violations

Nancy Rhodes, Arlington Human Rights Commission

Ms. Rhodes and Gary Horowitz appeared before the Selectmen asking the Board to support the Human Rights Resolution.

The Board stated they would support a policy of publicly addressing human rights violations.

They will unite against prejudice and support those who are harassed or have their human rights violated. The Board will also support Town and community groups in their endeavors to creatively recognize and promote diversity.

Ms. LaCourt stated the Commission has made great efforts and is very helpful in the community.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointments: Disabilities Commission

Rachel Buonopane

John J. Thompson

(terms to expire 1/31/2015)

Ms. LaCourt thanked Ms. Buonopane and Mr. Thompson for their willingness to serve on said Board.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. Request: Food Vendor License - New Premise/License

Shajid Shaikh d/b/a Galaxy Market, 469 Summer St., Suite #3

Mr. Dunn moved to postpone until a later date.

SO VOTED (3-0)

8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

6. CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2011-2012

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (3-0)

7. Vote: CDBG Requests for FY2012-2013 Funding

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (3-0)

8. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discussion: On Street Overnight Parking

Evan Litwin, 47 Mystic Street

Evan Litwin appeared before the Board regarding his concerns about the overnight parking laws in Arlington. He has discussed this issue with several of his neighbors and has come to realize that he is not alone in his frustrations. Ms. LaCourt stated she understands his frustrations, but the Town of Arlington only allows overnight parking under extraordinary circumstances. Unfortunately, he does not qualify for the exemption.

Mr. Dunn and Ms. Rowe also stated they agree with Ms. LaCourt and suggested he talk to neighbors or businesses located near his apartment to see if he could rent a spot for a monthly fee.

The Board suggested that he can purchase from the Town Treasurer's Office an overnight permit for \$365.00 per year for the municipal lot, and he can also purchase a permit for day time parking at \$50.00 per month.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Parking Subcommittee is looking into parking in Arlington Center and is thinking of experimenting on a trial basis with an idea to permit parking on one side of the street every other month in East Arlington. He also told Mr. Litwin that we had a Warrant Article inserted in the Town Warrant this April regarding overall parking in the Town.

Ms. Rowe stated that parking overnight in Town is a very complicated problem, but we are looking into it.

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (3-0)

10. Mark Kaepplein Request: Mass. Ave. Corridor Project

Mark Kaepplein

Mr. Kaepplein asked the Selectmen to put a ballot question on the ballot for many reasons. He feels a ballot question result is more authoritative than online surveys, e-mails, paper surveys, petitions and letters.

Eric Berger, 18 Hamilton Road, spoke about his concerns for the shared lanes.

He stated that the Mass. Ave. Corridor Project is a great concern to many Arlington residents and business owners who have expressed their opposition and feels it should be put on the ballot.

Cindy Tollen, 50 Fairmont Street, spoke about her concerns with the Mass. Avenue Corridor and also about the wetlands along Boulevard Road.

Adam Auster, 10 Cottage Avenue, spoke in favor of the Mass. Avenue Corridor Project and stated that there are many people in East Arlington that are looking forward to the changes.

Chad Gibson spoke in favor of the Mass. Ave. Corridor Project and stated he has attended every meeting that was held regarding the project.

Ms. Rowe stated it is not an issue to be put on a ballot. She stated she trusts the engineers we have working on the project. She realizes not all the businesses and residents agreed, but promised that none of the businesses would have to close.

Mr. Dunn stated he feels that the Town has listened to the residents and businesses and is not in favor of putting a question on the ballot.

Ms. LaCourt stated that this project was no different from any other project we have had in Town, for example, the reconstruction of Summer Street and Forest Street. We had public meetings concerning these projects and we have had more public hearings on Mass. Avenue than any other project in Town.

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Greeley expressed their disapproval of putting a question on the ballot and wanted it to be noted in the minutes.

11. Vote: Town Manager Contract

Clarissa Rowe, Chair

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Greeley and Mrs. Mahon expressed their approval be noted in the minutes.

12. WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Vote: Article 9 Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Memorial Park

Clarissa Rowe, Chair

The Board of Selectmen voted to request the Redevelopment Board's support of favorable action under Article 9.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Vote: Article 10 Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Banners for Historic Sites

Clarissa Rowe, Chair

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to request the Redevelopment Board's support of favorable action under Article 10.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

13. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Evening Park Use

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until March 26, 2012.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 25 Bylaw Amendment/Leaf Blower Regulation

Mr. Dunn moved to table until March 12, 2012.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 29 Vote/Lower Interest Rate for Property Tax Deferrals for Elderly Residents

Ms. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 30 Vote/Increase Annual Income Limit for Elderly Residents to Qualify for Property Tax Deferrals

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 31 Home Rule Legislation/Increase Tax Exemptions for Elderly Residents

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 72 Bylaw Amendment/Restrictions on the Use of Outside Counsel for Zoning and Land Use Matters

The Board voted to have the Town Manager implement a formal policy under which any use of outside counsel by Town departments is subject to review and approval by the Town Counsel.

Ms. LaCourt moved no action.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Correspondence Received

Christopher Cleveland Request Bench Dedicated to Grandfather

Be Rec'd

via e-mail

Mr. Dunn moved to send request to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their review and recommendations.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Peter Griffith

Bike Path Improvements

Be Rec'd

Belmont, MA

Ms. Rowe asked Mrs. Krepelka to forward to Director of Public Works, Michael Radenmacher and Laura Wiener, Senior Planner.

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (3-0)

New Business

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he has advertised for a Deputy Town Manager and will keep the Board informed as the process moves along.

Also, he has hired Peter Naum, a retired Finance Director for the Town of Bedford, MA as a temporary Financial Director, three days per week to fill in until a new Deputy Manager is hired.

Ms. Rowe stated she wants to remind everyone that Tuesday, March 6th is the Presidential Primary and the polls open at 7:00 a.m..

Mrs. Rowe stated that in Sunday's Boston Globe there was an article about Arlington being a model for the nation. Cindy Bouvier, Arlington's wellness and counseling director, stated the district prides itself on targeted funding, spending many thousands of dollars on after-school activity programs. Arlington has a strong parent advocacy for existing programs and a healthy "built environment". Arlington is also reaching out to non-athletes to get them to stay in shape. Many students use the weights, treadmills, and other aerobic machines alongside the team athletes. Other communities in Massachusetts should follow Arlington's lead and make children's fitness a priority.

Ms. Rowe stated that on Thursday, March 8th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the Board of Selectmen is hosting a public reception to introduce Arlington's New Town Manager, Adam W. Chapdelaine. Residents are invited to attend this reception to be held in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Mr. Dunn stated that Minuteman School is in the process of developing plans for the rehab/rebuild of its facility. This project has significant cost implications for Arlington going forward. The school's regional agreement and low sending rates from member towns makes the financing planning very difficult. The Long-Term Planning Committee has created a committee that will be working with town staff and other town officials to determine what the best long range strategy for Arlington is in regard to its relationship to Minuteman and its provision of vocational education in general.

Mr. Dunn moved to adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

SO VOTED (3-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator